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SUBJ: ATTACK ON CIA AND AMBASSADOR DAVIS

1. YUGOSLAV DAILY "VEČERNJE NOVOSTI" AUGUST 22 PRINTS FOLLOWING ARTICLE ATTACKING CIA AND AMBASSADOR DAVIS (COMPLETE WITH PICTURE). IN RESPONSE WE ARE MAKING POINT WITH YUGOSLAV NEWSMEN OF DENYING THAT AMBASSADOR EVER WORKED FOR CIA AND ASKING WHETHER WE SHOULD BEGIN TO PUBLICIZE NAMES AND DEEDS OF YUGOSLAV AMBASSADORS WHO ARE ACTUALLY ENGAGED IN INTELLIGENCE. WHILE WE HAVE REFRAINED FROM NAMING NAMES THE MESSAGE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY REGISTER VERY QUICKLY. FSFA ASST SECRETARY FOR WESTERN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA, DRAGAN BERNARDIC, IS HIMSELF A PRIME EXAMPLE --HE WAS ASKED TO LEAVE THE YUGOSLAV EMBASSY IN PARIS BY THE FRENCH GOVT IN 1971 AFTER HAVING BEEN CAUGHT TRYING TO OBTAIN CLASSIFIED PAPERS AND EARLIER SET UP THE YUGOSLAV INTELLIGENCE NETWORK AT UN.

2. BEGIN TEXT:  
THE CIA HAS REORGANIZED ITSELF FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT A STRUGGLE AGAINST EUROPEAN COMMUNISTS (VEČERNJE NOVOSTI, SUNDAY, AUG 22, 1976).  
NEW FORCES FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL WAR - IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE ASCENT OF THE LEFT IN ITALY AND FRANCE, THE CIA HAS BROUGHT EXPERTS IN ANTI-COMMUNIST STRUGGLE TO ITS CENTERS IN SWITZERLAND, IS AN EXPERT IN COUPS D'ETAT AND SPECIALIST

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FOR POLICY OF "DESTABILIZATION".

THE SUCCESS AND ADVANCE OF THE COMMUNISTS AND LEFTIST FORCES, IN GENERAL, IN ITALY AND FRANCE HAVE ALARMED AMERICANS AND HAVE FORCED THEM TO UNDERTAKE SOMETHING. DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS THEY HAVE BROUGHT BACK TO AMERICA ALL THEIR AGENTS FROM SWITZERLAND, THE EUROPEAN HEADQUARTERS OF THE CIA, AND HAVE SENT, AS THEIR REPLACEMENTS, NEW AND MORE CAPABLE MEN WHO ALREADY HAVE "RICH" EXPERIENCE IN THE ANTI-COMMUNIST STRUGGLE.

THUS, NATHANIEL DAVIS, WELL-KNOWN EXPERT FOR ANTI-COMMUNIST COUPS AND SPECIALIST FOR THE POLICY OF "DESTABILIZATION" -- AS IS PROVED BY HIS STAY IN GUATEMALE AND CHILE, OR RATHER, BY THE DEVELOPMENTS WHICH TOOK PLACE IN THESE COUNTRIES, THROUGH HIS MEDIUM -- HAS BEEN APPOINTED NEW AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN BERN.

IT HAS BEEN KNOWN FOR A LONG TIME THAT SWITZERLAND IS THE CENTER OF WORLD ESPIONAGE, IT HAS NOW ALSO BECOME ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CENTERS OF AMERICAN SECRET SERVICES, THE PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO PREVENT THE COMMUNISTS FROM COMING TO POWER IN FRANCE AND ITALY. THE CIA AGENTS IN SWITZERLAND ARE CONCENTRATED IN THREE CITIES, THE ITALIAN WEEKLY ESPRESSO WRITES: IN THE AMERICAN CONSULATE IN ZURICH, WHERE AT LEAST TWO OR THREE SECRET AGENTS ARE WORKING; IN BERN, IN THE US EMBASSY, THERE ARE EIGHT OF THEM; BUT MOST OF THEM ARE IN GENEVA, ABOUT TWENTY.

THE CIA HEADQUARTERS IN GENEVA IS SITUATED IN THE BUILDING OF THE AMERICAN MISSION AND IS CALLED "OFFICE FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE" (THE NAME BEHIND WHICH CIA SECRET SERVICES ARE OFTEN CONCEALED). THERE ARE FIFTEEN AGENTS IN IT, AND THEIR ONLY TASK IS TO INFILTRATE THEMSELVES INTO ALL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. IT IS CERTAIN THAT THEY OPERATE IN THE UNITED NATIONS, IN THE INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE TRADE UNIONS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, AND IN THE BIT (INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AGENCY), CIA AGENTS ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION NETWORK AND THEIR ACTIVITY IN SPAIN AND ITALY.

CIA OFFICIALS IN BERN COOPERATE VERY WELL WITH THE SWISS POLICE IN CARRYING OUT CONTROL OF THE EMBASSIES OF EASTERN COUNTRIES AND IN FINANCING SECRET OPERATIONS  
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THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.  
NATHANIEL DAVIS ARRIVED IN BERN IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR. HE IS WELL KNOWN AS A GREAT EXPERT IN COMMUNIST QUESTIONS (HE RECEIVED A DOCTORATE IN RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE, AND WAS A DIPLOMAT IN PRAGUE, SOFIA AND MOSCOW), AND A SPECIALIST FOR "PSYCHOLOGICAL WAR" AND TECHNIQUES WHICH SERVE TO UPSET THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL EQUILIBRIUM IN SOME COUNTRY. HE IS KNOWN TO HAVE

PREPARED COUPS D'ETAT IN GUATEMALA AND CHILE. HE WAS  
VERY SATISFIED WHEN HE LEFT CHILE IN JANUARY 1974, BECAUSE  
HE HAD LEFT A SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISHED JOB BEHIND HIM.  
ALLENDE WAS DEAD AND THE "RED DANGER" WAS ELIMINATED.  
LAST AUTUMN WHEN IT BECAME KNOWN THAT DAVIS WOULD  
BE THE NEW AMERICAN AMBASSADOR, PROTESTS BROKE OUT IN  
SWITZERLAND, ESPECIALLY AMONG MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALIST  
PARTY OF THAT COUNTRY. AFRICAN COUNTRIES ALSO STRONGLY  
PROTESTED IN 1975 WHEN THIS MAN WAS ELECTED SECRETARY FOR  
AFRICAN AFFAIRS IN THE AMERICAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE.  
SINCE HE DISAGREED WITH KISSINGER ON THE QUESTION OF  
THE INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA (HE DID NOT WANT AMERICANS TO  
WITHDRAW, THAT IS, HE CALLED FOR INTERVENTION), HE  
SUBMITTED RESIGNATION. HE WAS THEN APPOINTED AMBASSADOR  
TO SWITZERLAND. END TEXT.  
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